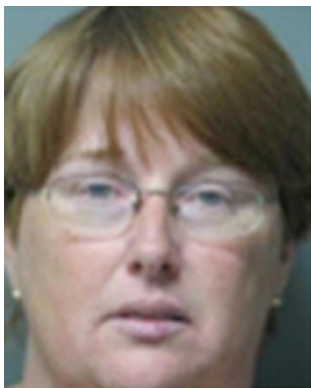




## Former Harrington Finance Director Gets 4 Years for Stealing

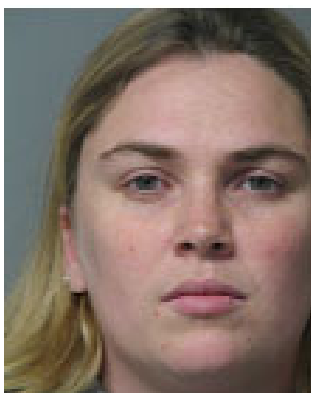


Christine H. Truitt

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**DOVER**, Del.- The city of Harrington's former finance director will spend four years in prison followed by one year of work release after pleading guilty in the embezzlement of more than \$800,000 from the city.

**Christine H. Truitt** and her codefendants- daughter **Nina Grimes**, and son-in-law **Shaun Grimes**- were also ordered by Kent County Superior Court President Judge James T. Vaughn Jr. to pay restitution of \$800,034 to the city of Harrington and to have no further contact with the city.



Nina Grimes

Their sentences came after Truitt, 48, pleaded guilty Oct. 31 to theft of over \$100,000 and two counts of second-degree forgery.

Vaughn heeded a prosecutor's request to go beyond sentencing guidelines- which called for up to a year in prison- in sentencing Truitt on the theft charge. He also added a year's probation for each of the forgery charges.

Nina Grimes, 27, and her husband, Shaun Grimes, 29, each had pleaded guilty to single counts of theft of over \$100,000. Nina Grimes was sentenced to two years in prison and a year of work release and probation. Her husband has to serve a year in prison and a year of probation.



Shaun Grimes

According to state Auditor Tom Wagner, prior to her May 3 arrest, Truitt forged 383 checks between November 2004 and April 2007. The defendants were accused of spending the money on luxury cars, trips and mortgage payments on Truitt's Farmington home.



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